





## **Press Release**Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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## SCSO to Conduct Sobriety Roadside Safety Checkpoints

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will conduct two Sobriety Checkpoints on Friday, November 1, 2013. The first checkpoint will be conducted at US 51 & Navy Rd from 8:00pm-10:00 pm. The second checkpoint will be at US 51 & Wilkinsville from 11:00pm-1:00 am.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States.

Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. They will also target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

This checkpoint will be 100% funded with federal grant dollars in the amount of \$200,000. This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.